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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 27, 2007, Applicant elects, with traverse, the claims of Group I, claims 1-7, 10 and 19-21. Applicant further elects the species II designated by the Examiner as being Embodiment 2 illustrated in Figs. 19-27. Applicant submits that all of the elected claims from Group 1 claims 1-7, 10 and 19-21 read on the elected species. Applicant reserves herein the right to prosecute the remaining claims in a later filed continuation or divisional application if such a filing is necessary. Applicant notes that claim 1 remains allowable and is generic as to all the apparatus claims currently pending in the application and all species designated by the Examiner.

Applicants therefore await consideration and examination of elected claims 1-7, 10 and 19-21, and respectfully request consideration on the merits in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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